



**VILLAGE OF SUFFERN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2022**

Present: Michael F. Curley, Mayor
Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Deputy Mayor
Steven Alpert, Trustee
Frank Hagen, Trustee
Fred Sauberman, Trustee
Melissa B. Reimer, Village Clerk
Michael A. Genito, Village Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Curley called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for all the victims of Hurricane Ian.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

A Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 7, 2022, at 7:00 P.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 191 OF 2022

APPROVAL OF MINUTES BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

RESOLVED, the minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting of September 12, 2022, be and are hereby approved.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Corrigan and seconded by Trustee Sauberman, with all in favor.

Adopted: October 3, 2022

PUBLIC COMMENT (limited to 4 minutes per speaker)

A motion to open the public comment portion of the meeting was made by Trustee Alpert and seconded by Trustee Corrigan, with all in favor.

One member of the public spoke. Bruce Simon announce that the Suffern Community Foundation would like to hold “Not Just Battery Saturday” on November 5, 2022.

A motion to close the public comment portion of the meeting was made by Trustee Hagen and seconded by Trustee Sauberman, with all in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 192 OF 2022

ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF JOHN ROBERTS

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Suffern Board of Trustees hereby accepts the resignation of John Roberts, Part-Time Police Officer, effective September 30, 2022, with thanks for his service to the Village.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Hagen, and seconded by Trustee Sauberman, with all in favor.

Adopted: October 3, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 193 OF 2022

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF APPLICATION NO. 8 TO DEWBERRY ENGINEERS FOR THE BACKUP POWER FOR CRITICAL FACILITIES PROJECTS

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern that payment of Application No. 8 to Dewberry Engineers in the amount of \$2,215.25 for the Backup Power for Critical Facilities Project 2021-006 GOSR NYCR-0256 Project is hereby authorized, subject to approval by the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Corrigan and seconded by Trustee Hagen, with all in favor.

Adopted: October 3, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 194 OF 2022

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF APPLICATION NO. 8 TO DEWBERRY ENGINEERS FOR THE HARDENING OF WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern that payment of Application No. 8 to Dewberry Engineers in the amount of \$1,823.00 for the Hardening of Water Treatment Plant 2021-005 GOSR NYCR-0255 Project is hereby authorized, subject to approval by the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Alpert and seconded by Trustee Sauberman, with all in favor.

Adopted: October 3, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 195 OF 2022

ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF JOSEPH SESSA

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Suffern Board of Trustees hereby accepts the resignation of Joseph Sessa, Laborer, effective July 15, 2022.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Sauberman, and seconded by Trustee Corrigan, with all in favor.

Adopted: October 3, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 196 OF 2022

APPOINTING CHRISTOPHER DOWNEY AS LABORER

RESOLVED, Mayor Michael F. Curley hereby appoints Christopher Downey to the vacant position of Laborer in the Street and Refuse Department, effective October 4, 2022, at a pay rate of \$18.85 per hour and said appointment is hereby confirmed by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Hagen and seconded by Trustee Sauberman, with all in favor.

Adopted: October 3, 2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 197 OF 2022
AMENDING 2022-2023 BUDGET FOR AIM STATE AID**

WHEREAS, the Village of Suffern 2022-2023 adopted General Fund Budget provided for \$88,416 in Estimated Revenues – Aim-related Payments; and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2022, the Office of the State Comptroller (“OSC”) advised the Village Treasurer that Aim-related Payments for 2022-2023 are being reclassified as State Aid – Revenue Sharing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board authorizes the Village Treasurer to amend the 2022-2023 General Fund adopted budget by decreasing Estimated Revenues – Aim-related Payments and increasing Estimated Revenues – State Aid Revenue Sharing, each in the amount of \$88,416.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Alpert, seconded by Trustee Sauberman with all in favor.

Adopted: October 3, 2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 198 OF 2022
AUTHORIZING VILLAGE TREASURER TO SIGN DASNY CREST GRANT
AGREEMENT FOR VILLAGE HALL BOILER**

WHEREAS the Village is applying for an environmental sustainability grant (“Grant”) from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (“DASNY”) that provides \$235,000 through the Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, and Technology (“CREST”) Program towards the purchase and installation of a Village Hall boiler (“Project”) at an estimated cost of \$600,000; and

WHEREAS if awarded the Grant, the Village Board will adopt a bond resolution authorizing the issuance of up to \$365,000 of debt, which together with the \$235,000 grant proceeds, will finance the estimated \$600,000 Project cost.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of the Village of Suffern authorizes the Village Treasurer to act as the Village representative for the Grant.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Corrigan and seconded by Trustee Sauberman, with all in favor.

Adopted: October 3, 2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 199 OF 2022
ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF JOSEPH TICHENOR**

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Suffern Board of Trustees hereby accepts the resignation of Joseph Tichenor, Part-Time Deputy Building Inspector, effective October 1, 2022, with thanks for his service to the Village.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Sauberman, and seconded by Trustee Hagen, with all in favor.

Adopted: October 3, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 200 OF 2022

AUTHORIZING AMERICAN NEEDS FATIMA ROSARY RALLY TO BE HELD OCTOBER 15, 2022, AT AVON PARK

RESOLVED, Mayor Michael F. Curley and Village of Suffern Board of Trustees authorizes the America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally to be held October 15, 2022, at the Avon Park from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Corrigan and seconded by Trustee Hagen, with all in favor.

Adopted: October 3, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 201 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION REVSISING RESOLUTION NO. 180 OF 2022 BY DELETING FROM THE LIST OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT THE 2012 FORD EXPEDITION

WHEREAS, by Resolution 180 of 2022 the Board of Trustees determined that certain enumerated equipment was no longer needed for any governmental purpose, declared the same to be surplus property and authorized that such surplus property be listed for sale on GovDeals; and

WHEREAS, said list of surplus equipment included a 2012 Ford Expedition; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the Village has a good and valid use for the 2012 Ford Expedition and desires to retain the same for Village use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees that the list of surplus equipment and Resolution 180 of 2022 be revised by deleting therefrom the 2012 Ford Expedition.

Motion to approve made by Trustee Alpert, seconded by Trustee Corrigan, with all in favor.

Adopted: November 3, 2022

GRANTS

Mr. Fred Rella explained there was a pre-construction meeting regarding Parking Lot B, which has two outstanding grants. The total project is \$390,000 and the Village has obtained \$170,000 in grants. The construction should begin on October 17th and should take approximately three days to complete. That includes paving and striping.

The Village has been nominated by Senator Elijah Reichlin-Melnick for a \$235,000 grant to purchase and install a new boiler in Village Hall. The grant is facilitated by DASNY (Dormitory Authority of the State of New York) and is a Community Resiliency Economic Sustainability and Technology grant (“CREST”). The process includes the Village submitting the required paperwork to DASNY and then it is given to the New York State Budget Committee for approval. Mayor Curley or Treasurer Genito can execute the Grant Disbursement Agreement once it is approved. We cannot move forward with construction or any work on the boiler until all the paperwork is approved and the Grant Disbursement Agreement is executed. The Village believes all paperwork will be completed and construction can commence by Spring 2023. Mr. Rella thanked Mayor Curley for his relationship with Senator Elijah Reichlin-Melnick; he stated that the Senator was instrumental in the Village acquiring this grant.

Mayor Curley added that he is working with Senator Reichlin-Melnick for other funding for Village Hall (such as the roof).

RECREATION

Ms. Cathy Mills explained that there will be a fundraiser this Sunday, October 9th between 12 P.M. and 4 P.M. to aid the victims of Hurricane Ian. The Village will have activities for kids and adults. The Maniacs, a local band, will perform as well as a DJ.

Mayor Curley added that the net proceeds raised for the victims of Hurricane Ian will be split evenly between the Salvation Army and the American Red Cross.

On October 8th the Downtown Suffern Halloween Window Painting event will be held starting at 10:00 AM. Children attending sixth, seventh, and eighth grade in Suffern Middle School can participate.

The Village Halloween Parade and trunk-or-treat event is being held on October 23rd starting at 2 P.M.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Loughlin shared the monthly statistics. Dare Dance was a success last Friday. Fall Dare Hockey season has begun. Members of the Village Police Department have attended many events throughout the Village including the Mayor's Family Fun Day, Salvation Army Family Fun Day, Suffern Street Fair and Suffern Day. It was a busy month for the Suffern Police Department interacting with the community.

Mayor Curley thanked the Police Department for showing the Village public assets that the PD has including Thorn the Police Dog. It shows off exactly what the taxpayers are paying for and what their funds are doing for the community. It is bringing Community Policing back to the Village. He said, "Thank you to all the officers. Thank you to the Sheriff's Department, the DA, the Ramapo Police Department, Feist Ambulance Corps, and the helicopter pilot that flew me in, and all those who have assisted us and participated in these events.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mayor Curley explained that there will be a meeting tomorrow October 4th with the County of Rockland, Charles Sawicki, Joe Hunt, and others from the Village of Suffern regarding the paving of the New Jersey Transit commuter train parking lot. The paving is anticipated to begin October 29th. This work would be performed immediately after the paving and striping of parking Lot B. The Mayor and Mr. Sawicki noted that paving on Milford Lane, Cragmere Road, West Maltbie Avenue, Parkside Drive, and Claremont Lane will begin after Lot B as well.

The Mayor spoke about Woodland Drive not being paved because the Village is awaiting funding from FEMA to replace and repair stormwater drains on that street.

Trustee Alpert asked about Vista Way. The Mayor explained that Vista Way is included in the FEMA-funded stormwater drain improvements and that the paving of Vista Way will take place along with the paving of Woodland Drive.

The Mayor and Mr. Sawicki noted that we are acquiring a new piece of equipment this week that allows the Village DPW workers to patch and pave small areas more effectively. The Mayor added that there are additional areas in the Village where the stormwater drains will be replaced or repaired, and the roads resurfaced.

Trustee Alpert asked about Vista Way and what exactly happened to the road. He stated that there was “no road at all.” The Mayor and Mr. Sawicki explained that the water from flooding came up from underground and actually broke the joints of the reinforced concrete pipes that linked them together. It created sinkholes and other problems. The DPW is fixing the joints and getting Vista Way ready for patching and paving with the new equipment that we purchased. Next year it will be a priority and will be completely paved.

TREASURER

Mr. Michael Genito explained the agenda item which was an amendment to the budget. It was for AIM, which stands for Aid and Incentive to Municipalities. For many years, it was direct State aid from the State of New York to local governments. A few years ago, Governor Cuomo’s executive budget removed this form of state aid and instead included “AIM-related payments” to local governments that would be generated from a portion of sales tax received by counties. Governor Hochul’s 2022-2023 executive budget restored the AIM state aid. The 2022-2023 General Fund budget adjustment is simply to reclassify to AIM State Aid what was originally adopted as AIM-Related Payments.

TRUSTEES

No comments.

MAYOR

The Village Board may consider changing the next Board Meeting from November 7th. If the meeting is rescheduled, the Village will give the public ample notice.

Mayor Michael Curley noted that the Hurricane Ian fundraiser will be held this Sunday, October 9th from 12 P.M. to 4 P.M. During 9/11 this country and this world came to New York’s help. He stated that we should try as best we can to help others in need and do it as a community event. Net proceeds will go equally between the Salvation Army and the American Red Cross.

Mayor Curley explained that, Extell submitted plans for 106 apartments next to the Community Center. It is on piece of Avon-owned property. The Village of Suffern Board required two parking spots for each apartment. The Village planner is looking at it and making recommendations. The Mayor stated that we should know more by the next Village Board meeting. The Mayor believes that it is important to have apartments and people walking downtown. He thinks it will lift businesses and be better for the community.

Mayor Curley thanked everyone again for the excellent work on Suffern Day. He stated that the workers of this Village showed how much they care about the people of this community.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7.30 P.M. was made by Trustee Sauberman, seconded by Trustee Hagen, with all in favor.

Respectfully,

Melissa B. Reimer, CPA
Village Clerk